

Mitchell Printing Company photograph collection P062

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Summary Information

Repository	Rare Books and Manuscripts
Title	Mitchell Printing Company photograph collection
Date	circa 1911
Extent	0.5 Cubic feet 1 oversize box
Language	English
Graphic materials [Box]	P062

Preferred Citation

Mitchell Printing Company photograph collection, Rare Books and Manuscripts, Indiana State Library

Administrative History

William Mitchell founded the Mitchell Printing Company in Greenfield, Indiana in 1856. He became identified with the Greenfield Sentinel and later, the Hancock Democrat in 1859. He bought the printing plant from David S. Gooding at the close of the Civil War. In 1876, oldest son, John F. Mitchell, assumed full control of the business and became the sole owner, later bringing in his son, John F. Mitchell Jr.

James Whitcomb Riley took an interest in the shop in his early days and had a corner office in which to write poems--the paper printed many of Riley's first works. The company also produced books for large publishers, including Bobb-Merrill Co. of Indianapolis.

In the 1950's, long-time employee, Darold Fleming, in partnership with others, purchased the Hancock Democrat and the Mitchell Printing Company, changing the company name to Mitchell-Fleming Printing Company and combining the Democrat with the Hancock Journal to form the Hancock County Journal Democrat. Upon Fleming's death in 1962, the newspaper was sold, but the family retained control of the printing company. The Mitchell-Fleming Printing Company now operates out of Knightstown, Indiana.

Source:

Roland, Greg. "'Extra-Extra Read All About It' History of Newspapers, Printing, and Publishing Company's". City of Greenfield, Indiana, November 2013. Accessed March 16, 2017. <https://www.greenfieldin.org/residents/history-of-greenfield/1027-read-all-about-it-november-2013>

Scope and Contents

This collection includes 21 photographs of operations in the Mitchell Printing Company in Greenfield, Indiana around 1911. Photographs show printing equipment, printing processes, and laborers and were possibly used for publication in a newspaper.

Arrangement

This collection is arranged by subject.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

Rare Books and Manuscripts

Conditions Governing Access

This collection is open for research.

Conditions Governing Use

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Custodial History

This collection was received by Rare Books and Manuscripts as a donation.

Accruals

No further additions are expected.

Processing Information

Collection processing completed 2017/03/16 by Lauren Patton. EAD finding aid created 2017/03/16 by Lauren Patton.

Controlled Access Headings

Corporate Name(s)

- Mitchell Printing Company.

Genre(s)

- Photographs

Geographic Name(s)

- Greenfield (Ind.)
- Hancock County (Ind.)

Subject(s)

- Printing and publishing history
- Printing--Indiana--History